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Century Mormon Activities In Calif.

An historical volume, "A Century of Mormon Activities in California," which has taken nearly three years to compile, will be ready for distribution by October 1, we are informed by editor of the work, Leo J. Muir, formerly stake and mission president.

Compiler Muir makes a last minute appeal to our northern California Church members for names and addresses of individuals to be included without cost but upon merit only. This division is for our men and women who have distinguished themselves in non-church activities in the civic, political, business, industrial, professional, educational, music or entertainment life of California.

Already nearly 400 citations in this classification have been compiled. There are yet many others eligible. Readers of The Messenger are invited immediately to submit names and addresses. Mr. Muir will follow thru. Address Leo J. Muir, 1340 W. 29th St., Los Angeles 7.

News From "The Church News"

(Members are again advised to subscribe for "The Church News" as a present or gift to friends or one of the family. \$3.00 the year.)

From March 1948 four issues

The Second Quorum of Elders of Mesa, Arizona, have erected a cottage as a quorum project, and are now renting it as a source of constant income for the quorum. As a welfare project it is designed to have the cottage available to assist any member who may have future need of help in this regard. Members did most of the work.

The annual BYU Leadership Week in March 1948 is reported in story and pictures. 3,000 attended this inspiring week.

Out of about 8,000 YMMIA basketball players, this year's winning All-Church team comes from Brigham City's Fourth Ward. Big Cottonwood stake, in Salt Lake County, climaxed their winter sport season by a ski tournament at Brighton, with 70 competing.

Jordan Valley Welfare region, (Salt Lake county), is building a 25,000-bushel grain elevator, towering 80 feet into the air. The location is Murray.

Pres. J. Reuben Clark is currently delivering a striking series of radio addresses weekly over KSL. They are worth everything to read. Likewise the address of Pres. Smith at the BYU on world conditions is thrilling.

The great LDS Institute meetings recently held in Fresno are shown in story and picture. Director Boyd and Chariman Don Merrill are seen.

A striking picture, full page, shows Apostle Stephen L. Richards and party at the base of a great historic monument in Argentina.....Seen also is the picture with life story of Dr. Karl D. Butler, an Arizona LDS, who is now

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Oakland Stake Conference Held

APRIL 10 and 11
Mormon Male Chorus featured at Both Sessions.

The Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference convened Saturday evening, April 10, at 7:30 in a Priesthood - Leadership meeting, and also in two sessions Sunday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Stake missionaries held their regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. All sessions at the LDS chapel at MacArthur and Webster street, Oakland. Elder Albert Bowen of the Council of Twelve Apostles was in attendance.

Full report of this conference must await our next issue since the April Messenger was already on the press at the dates mentioned.

New Bishopric Pittsburg Ward

Bishop J. Harold Magleby was born in Monroe, Utah, July 3, 1892, and received his higher schooling attending the Snow college at Ephraim and the Brigham Young university. He was married to Alta Erickson, also of Monroe, in the Manti Temple; through the course of the years they have had six children born to them, Gloria, of the MIA Stake board being one of them.

His life in the Church has been a busy one as president of his deacon's and teachers' quorums in Monroe, Sunday school teacher, Scoutmaster, Scout commissioner for six years in the South Sevier Stake, member of South Sevier MIA board for five years, member of Sunday school superintendency in Elko, Nevada, and in Pittsburg, group leader of seventies and high priests, first counselor in the Pittsburg ward bishopric and finally bishop of the ward.

Bishop Magleby was a building contractor in Utah and Nevada; he also taught vocational training courses in American Fork, Utah. At present the engineering department of the Shell Chemical Co. of Pittsburg claims his time and daily attention.

LeFarr Price Astle, first counselor, saw the light of day first in Laketown, Rich county, Utah, in 1908, coming of pioneer stock. Baptised in the Logan temple, he grew up in Amalgam ward, Benson stake, Utah, serving respectively as president of the deacon, teacher and the priest quorums.

In 1930 Elder Astle became a missionary in the Western States where he had the pleasure of introducing radio broadcasting for the Church in that mission first at Pueblo, and then at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, where he served as district president.

At Weber Junior college he had been especially interested in athletics and in music, and in music he has been of service as chorister for several years in Pittsburg, where he now is president of the choir. In Pittsburg he has served also as elders' quorum first counselor, in the Sunday school superintendency, YMMIA president for five years, and now in the bishopric.

In 1937 Brother Astle married Thora M. Nelson of Ogden, who has been an equally enthusiastic Church worker, having served, among other positions, as member of the YMMIA stake board.

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To Begin Berkeley Welfare Building

William E. Ryberg of the general welfare committee of the Church came to Berkeley Saturday morning, March 27, and held a special meeting with the stake presidency. He presented them with approved plans for the welfare house to be built here at Fink Lane and San Pablo avenue, where the Church recently purchased a site for \$15,000. The first presidency have appropriated the money for the erection of this storehouse, which will include a Class "A" cannery.

The building will be a Class "C" structure costing approximately \$65,000. One of the finest in the Church, so far as appointments are concerned. It will have a bishop's storehouse as well as a cannery; a store for merchandise, a work center for the Relief Society, and later a center for priesthood projects.

Bro. Theodore G. Ruegg, Berkeley ward, is the architect. The structure of concrete blocks will have, besides the main floor, a partial basement and attic for storage of cannery and merchandise.

Ground breaking ceremonies will be held in April, it is hoped. All wards should begin immediately.

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Berkeley-Oakland Stake Gold, Green Ball April 23

The biggest social event of the entire season is just around the corner. The joint-stake Gold and Green ball sponsored by the Oakland and Berkeley Stake Mutual Improvement Associations will be held Friday evening, April 23, in the Scottish Rites ballroom on the shore of Lake Merritt.

Featured will be the music of Murry Peterson and his orchestra, special floor show numbers and refreshments, and the climax presentation of the queens from the wards of the two stakes, in a beautiful pageant and ceremony with due recognition for this great honor.

The dance will be semi-formal in nature and all church members and their friends are cordially invited to join in this fine evening of entertainment and dancing.

Oakland Scouts Hear Judo Expert

Another Stake work-hobby session behind them, Senior Scouts of Oakland Stake are making plans for another meeting in April 21 and for a horse-shoe and table tennis tournament in May. Another activity, a stake swim meet for early May, is being worked out in preparation for a four-stake swim contest the latter part of May, probably the third Saturday, at Berkley.

Frank Young, judo expert of the Berkley Y.M.C.A., taught at the latest of the sessions on vocations and avocations, conducted at Oakland ward Tuesday, March 30, with the Oakland young men playing hosts to the rest of the stake units. The meeting was conducted by Oakland Ward's leader, M. C. Laird and the young men served a salad, cookies and punch after the meeting.

Mr. Young met and became interested in L.D.S. young men when he was teaching defense measures for the army, during the war years.

A man of more than 50 years, Mr. Young is stronger and more agile than most young men.

Discussing the history of jiu jitsu and judo Mr. young described and demonstrated basic holds and the part that leverage plays in self-defense. A small man, Mr. young can handle men twice his size.

A clear mind is essential to this sport as well as other athletic activities, said Mr. Young. Pointing to the value of living a clean life, he said that he trains to "keep in shape" and in doing so he to sets a good example to the young men with whom he works.

He stated that living a healthy life will aid in developing the mind and body along the same lines and to the same degree and will result in the young man's acquiring the speed and quick-thinking so necessary to all sports in general and to jiu jitsu in particular.

The April work-hobby session for stake senior scouts is planned for Wednesday, April 21, when the San Leandro young men under the direction of Leader Carl Condie will be hosts to all young men 15 to 18 years of age at the Elmhurst ward.

A boxing or winter sports film will be shown and a brief talk will be given by Lawrence E. Woods, chairman of the Oakland ward committee for junior men.

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Lamba Deltas Meet At Fresno

Almost 110 delegates, representing the many LDS students on university and college campuses of California, met in Fresno on March 6 and 7. A chartered bus and some automobiles carried delegates from the LDS institute in Berkeley. Delegates from Stanford university, and San Jose State college joined the group in the journey. Another large group from the southern part of the state met the groups at Fresno, where arrangements had been made some weeks before for the convention.

Problems of the LDS students, who find themselves in a minority in the 171,000 college students in California, were discussed by several committees. The establishing of an institute at Berkeley has done much to keep students active in Church work and has provided an ideal outlet for extra curricular activities, the convention was told. The committee on buildings, equipment and houses expressed need for similar action at other large

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SWAP---SHOP

A certain monthly publication which comes to us runs a "Swap Shop" column for the free benefit of the readers. The Messenger sees no reason why we should not likewise seek to benefit our readers in this simple manner. The reader will simply send the Messenger a note of the things he or she has around the house that might best be swapped or sold, and the price or the things he would like to get in exchange. Give the phone or address so the other party can call or write you. That's all there is to it. And there will be no cost to either party by The Messenger. Yes, it will be absolutely free. We'll print the "swaps" as they are sent to us each month, and that's all the Messenger will have to do with it. Of course it will be fun to have you tell us if you get results, but that's entirely up to you.

The Messenger "Swap Shop" is yours. Now go ahead and use it. It can't do any harm; may do some good. May even help to move some excess welfare goods that accumulate from time to time.

Here are items that were offered in the "Swap Shop" in March in the publication above referred to: a 1947 Studebaker; an electric range; a washing machine; picture frame; clarinet; dining room set; baby buggy; gas heater; puppy; double bed; cot; woman's coat; heater; woman's oxfords; portable phonograph. Wanted: were: vacuum cleaner; croquet set; crib; library table.

Reporters Named

Dale E. Roe is the Oakland Stake Reporter for the Messenger. All stake organizations should contact Brother Roe with their news well before the end of each month. He is also YMMIA board member for Senior Scouts, so that his address and phone are in the stake Directory: 3131 Monticello Ave., Oakland; phone ANDover 1-8209.

Minerva Bailey is the Berkeley Stake Reporter for the Messenger. All Berkeley stake organizations should have their news in her hands well before the last of each month. Her address is 1915 Vine St., Berkeley 9, and the phone is LAndscape 6-6035.

Both stakes' reporters' names and phones are printed in the Masthead of The Messenger, column 1, page 2. There also are found the names and phones of the ward reporters. All these fine people are most efficient. Their splendid efforts are greatly appreciated by all. Help them to get the news, all the news, and on time. The dead line is the last of each month, but it helps when you send news in well ahead of the last day.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the new Alameda chapel, Oakland stake, to cost \$120,000, and to include besides the chapel proper, a recreation hall, and 14 classrooms. After its 15 years Alameda ward has 326 members in 178 families, and plans to furnish \$40,000 of labor on the chapel, \$15,000 of which already is represented by the lumber secured in the 60man-hours dismantling the Navy Officers' Club at Stoneman which the ward bought for \$3600 cash last fall. Picture courtesy of Alameda (Calif.) Times.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and
he will prepare my way before me; and
the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly
come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Hayward Ward

The first social in our new chapel was
held February 27. Four hundred crowded
the rooms and enjoyed dancing and re-
freshments. Many old time Haywardites
returned to rejoice with us in our beau-
tiful new chapel. Well wishers from all
over the stake were with us, including
Presidents Hilton and Norberg and their
wives. Colton Allard was chosen queen
of the ward.

A wedding reception was recently held
in the home of the Leon Whites for the
daughter, Beverly, and her husband, Blair
Checketts. One hundred fifty guests were
present to wish the young couple well.
Many lovely gifts were received. Beverly's
girl friends previously had held a bridal
shower for her in the home of Norma
Loomis.

The ward wishes to extend congratula-
tions to Garth Taylor and Norma Kains.
They were married March 29 in the Logan
Temple, and have returned to live in
Hayward.

At the baby contest and country fair the
ward cleared close to \$250. Master Don
Westman won the first prize, a table
radio; Danny Burbank was a close second,
with Bill Courtney and Eva May Loomis
following. The local merchants supplied
the prizes.

A wedding reception was held in the
home of the Owen Stevens for their son,
Stanley, and his bride, Caroline. The young
couple will make their home in Sacra-
mento where Stanley is teaching at the
Junior College.

Ora Armstrong and Virginia Stevenson
were married Saturday, March 27, by
Bishop Webb.

A lovely Easter cantata, "The Glorious
Galilean," was presented by the choir at
Easter morning services. Archie Inger
spoke beautifully and a delightful reading
was given by Dorothy Burbank. 376 peo-
ple attended. We appreciate the large at-
tendance, and hope to see them all each
Sunday for they are all heartily welcome.
Hayward is really growing.

Sister Annie Canning has graciously
presented the ward with an old and rare
Bible, containing besides the Old and New
Testaments, the Apocrypha. It was pub-
lished in 1803. It is the beginning of a
fine genealogical library the ward is go-
ing to build.

The Genealogical Society closed their
baby contest Friday evening, March 19,
in a County Carnival—Anne Livingston,
24695 Western Rd., LU. 1-2499, and Dor-
othy Burbank.

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The Book Of Mormon Means This To Me

By RUTH SAVAGE HILTON

As a Latter-day Saint, I find it rather difficult to state just what the Book of Mormon does mean because it is so all inclusive. However, there are many things, a few of which I will mention, that help to make this precious volume dear to my heart.

1. It is the concrete evidence of the "Restoration." We handle it, see it, read its marvelous history, and know that it is in a position to demand attention from those who would seek the Truth.

2. The knowledge of its unique origin is deeply cherished by me but not to the same degree that its teachings are. Possibly the plain direct way in which the fullness of the gospel is taught by its pages is the one point of

By way of illustrating widely varied subjects:

a. No believer in the Book of Mormon can possibly be found in confusion as to the fundamental principle of baptism. Here we find not only the necessity of the ordinance made plain, but the proper mode, the authority to administer the ordinance, as well as the exact words of the ordinance:

"And again the Lord called others, and said unto them like-wise, and he gave unto them power to baptize. And he said unto them: On this wise shall ye baptize; and there shall be no disputations among you. Verily I say unto you that whosoever repenteth of his sins through your words and desireth to be baptised in my name, on this wise shall ye baptize him. . . . Behold ye shall go down and stand in the water, and in my name shall ye baptize them. And now behold these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying: Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—3 Nephi 11:22-26.

b. We find definite commandment for faithful, accurate record keeping of our doings in the Church:

"And Jesus said unto them: Howbeit that ye have not written this thing, that many saints did arise and appear unto man? And it came to pass that Nephi remembered that this thing had not been written, and Jesus commanded that it should be written; therefore it was written according as He had commanded."—3 Nephi 23:11-13.

c. If we read 1 Nephi 3:7 with a believing heart we find divine assistance and assurance for meeting the daily problems of life:

"The Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which He commandeth them."

d. And again, glory is added to one's conception of life as we learn:

"If Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but would have remained in the Garden of Eden; and all things which were created must have remained in the same state which they were forever and

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Between the BOOK ENDS

The book, "Our Book of Mormon," by Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, B.Y.U., Stevens and Wallis, S.L.C., Utah, 1947.

Fresh, and at times startling, deductions flow from the facile pen of this Utah born holder of a Ph. D. from the U. of Chicago, and a professor of Old Testament languages and literature.

We present skeleton samplings of a few of these deductions, but the readable, close-knit, lucid logic, and patient research behind them await the pleasure of a personal perusal of this blue-bound, 287-page, documented volume.

1. Moroni wandered alone over this continent, between the years 401 A. D., when he seems to have first hid the plates in the sacred hill, and 421 A. D., when he seems to have taken them again and to have given us the books of Ether and Moroni. In those years of lonely wandering Moroni apparently came into the borders of Utah for President Young declared that Moroni had dedicated the hill in Manti on which a temple now stands.

2. The active elements of the Urim and Thummin, the stones, were probably composed of "celestial material" which could enable the Seer using them "mentally to pass into the realms of

have no end. And they would have had no children; wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good for they knew no sin. Adam felt that men might be; AND MEN ARE, THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE JOY." 2 Nephi 2: 22-25.

e. The Book of Mormon means testimony to me. The spirit which its prayerful study brings gives a peace and gladness such as the first Nephi describes again and again as he rejoices in plainness and in the words of Isaiah as that Prophet predicts the coming of the Savior of the world and his teachings which if understood gives PURPOSE to earth life.

f. In conclusion we might well paraphrase Anthony Trollope's "Book Love," by placing Book of Mormon Love among the "perfect pleasures that God has prepared for his children. It lasts when other pleasures fade. It will support you when other recreations are gone. It will last until death. It will make hours pleasant for you as long as you live"

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the unknown, and have truths made known to him." They were in effect "spiritual catalyzers," promoting a spiritual action not readily possible without them.

3. Viewed solely as literature, "the Book of Mormon falls far short of the literary perfection found in the Bible." Then why its profound effects upon the minds of its readers? The answer lies in the unusual religious truths revealed therein, and "in the unusually profound religious fervor and conviction of its original writers and of its translator"—these carrying its "native simplicity, honesty, and religious fervor with great power to the hearts of sincere seekers after truth. This effect is not dependent upon literary elegance."

4. In 60 pages Doctor Sperry analyze the 15 types of literature found in the Book of Mormon, including among them allegories, songs, psalms, lamentations memoirs, and oratory.

5. The Book of Mormon and the problems of the Pentateuch, or who wrote the five books of Moses, Moses or someone else as late as 400 B. C., as claimed by scholars, is convincingly handled. In frank and scholarly style Doctor Sperry similarly meets full front what are called the problems of Isaiah, of the Sermon on the Mount, and of Corinthians 12 and 13, as far as they pertain to the Book of Mormon.

Thus the Book of Mormons lives again in these challenging chapters. Its cleansing, and spiritual messages; its divine origin, preservation, and translation; its clear authenticity and objective validity shine even more clearly. The Book of Mormon becomes all the more interesting, moving, and convincing when the reader comes upon its great, central passages at these unusual angles. Dr. Sidney B. Sperry has made the Book of Mormon more intimately "ours"—ours to trust in, revel in, feast upon; ours to grow by into the eventual stature of the near-perfect manhood of Nephi, Mosiah, the two Almas, Helamen, the third Nephi, Mormon and Moroni—and of Joseph the Seer.

(Note: Church books, fortunately, are readily available in our two stakes at ward book tables.)

About Ancestors

By W. M. EVERTON

They talked about the ancestry of the Prophet Joseph Smith in our priesthood class last Sunday. He was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Asael, who was the son of Samuel II, who was the son of Samuel I, who was the son of Robert the English immigrant. The teacher stressed the fact that Joseph Smith's ancestors were God-fearing men. From lis-

tening to the discussion one might conclude that the five men with their wives are the major part of the ancestry of the Prophet. There were others of course, but they were not so important.

I am reminded of a sister who visited our library. She was having great difficulty in tracing her surname line any farther back. I suggested that she give some attention to some of her grandmother's people listed down near the bottom of the pedigree chart.

She said, "Will they let me do the work for these side lines?" And then I had to explain that the grandfathers and grandmothers on the bottom of the pedigree chart are just as truly her ancestors as those who bear her family name. It may be further said that we are just as apt to inherit a from a greatgrandmother as from a physical or mental characteristic a greatgrandfather.

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God Moves In A Mysterious Way

Joseph Knowles Everton was born in Logan, Utah, in 1921.

In 1941 he was appointed to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He completed the course at the Academy in June, 1944.

After three years of active duty with the Coast Guard, Joseph resigned his commission and commenced his college studies. He is at present attending the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in mathematics. He and his family are members of the East Richmond Ward.

Talk given by Joseph K. Everton at the Sacrament Meeting of the East Richmond Ward, Berkeley Stake of Zion, Sept. 28, 1947:

My dear Brothers and Sisters: I am going to tell you a story. I have told this story in a good number of places while I was in the service and if any of you happen to have heard it before I'll have to apologize for telling it to you again.

It is the story of a Hardware Store. Back in 1895 there was a man who had three sons and one daughter. He had been a farmer most of his life and had come to the conclusion that farming was not his occupation and had decided to start a second hand furniture store. He would buy used furniture, repair and refinish it and then sell it again. In order to start his business he needed some money so he went to the bank to see if he could borrow fifty dollars. The bank president decided that he could have the money if his oldest son were to sign the note with him. The oldest son whose name was Walter, was 18 years old at that time. He signed the note with his father, and together with the second son, they rented a building and started the store.

The two boys helped their father in the work and the store began to grow. But in less than a year Walter was called on a mission for the church. The father didn't seem worried about losing a helper at the store and having to support a missionary. He still had the younger son to help at the store. Walter went on his mission to Southern States and stayed a little over two years. While he was there the store continued to grow and prosper seemingly better than if he had been working in it.

A year after Walter went on his mission his younger brother was also called on a mission. Now this would seem to be a bit more than the store could stand to have two helpers taken away and to have to support them in the mission field. The father didn't complain however. He was more than willing to send his second son on a mission. Later he explained to Walter that he was sure that as long as that store was supporting a missionary it would prosper. The second son, whose name was John, went on his mission and the store did grow and prosper. In fact, after the two sons had returned, the father was reported to have been the biggest tithe payer in his ward.

Well, as the years passed, the store continued to grow. Walter and John both married, and were taken into partnership in the store by their father. The youngest son grew up and also fulfilled a mission. The father died and all of the sons had families of their own.

Around 1920, as a great many of you here will remember, wheat was selling at almost as much as it is nowadays. The farmers could see nothing but a rosy future with the prices of wheat so high. It was about that time that the store was selling hot-air furnaces and they really attracted the farmers because a furnace is a very convenient thing to have during the winter back in Utah where this story took place.

The farmers came to the store and arranged to buy furnaces on credit—to be paid for after the harvest. But then the price of wheat went away down. The farmers couldn't pay for the furnaces and the store was left holding the bag. It ended up in debt to the tune of about \$50,000.

Now, that was a mighty big debt for a store that started out with fifty dollars' capital. The sons, who were now operating the store, could have taken the easy way out and have gone bankrupt if they had wanted to, but they chose to stick it out and pay the debt off.

They began paying on the debt little by little and in a very few years Walter's oldest son was called on a mission to New Zealand. He was there for over three years.

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Walter was in no good position to keep a missionary in the field. He had a family of ten children. While the eldest son was on his mission the store didn't make any phenomenal gains but it did plug along paying on this enormous debt and the business continually got better.

Before the first son was home from his mission the third oldest son was called to go to the Northwestern States Mission, and soon after he returned, the oldest girl was also called on a mission.

This brings our story to the 1930's, and the depression that nearly all of you remember. The store might have closed down again under the weight of the remaining debt and poor business conditions. In fact it was said by the man to whose company most of the money was owed, "That he didn't know why that store remained. Others in better condition had been forced to close down but for some reason or other this one was allowed to stay open."

Well, there were no more missionaries until 1941, when the youngest daughter was called. Soon after she left the youngest son went into the service of his country, and Walter and his wife were left with no children at home. With no more responsibilities at home they also received a call to go on a mission before their youngest daughter had returned. They came here to Northern California, and stayed two years. Maybe some of you met them.

The store had kept plugging on the old debt and shortly before they went on their mission, it was finally paid in full. It had taken more than twenty years to pay the \$50,000 principal and \$28,000 in interest, but it was finally accomplished.

Before going on this second mission Walter had a talk with Elder Alma Sonne, one of the assistants to the Twelve Apostles, in which Brother Sonne told him that if he would accept this call to go on a mission, he would be blessed beyond his greatest expectations.

Now, I would like to tell you a couple of ways they were blessed. For about twenty years, neither of them had been in very good health. Many people wondered if they would be able to stand the physical trials of missionary life. In the two years that they were on their mission they never missed a single meeting because of sickness. Their health was better than it had been for a long, long time, and it still is.

Because they were so old when they went on this mission, they couldn't perform the usual tracting that missionaries do, so they devised the plan of sending out tracts by mail, explaining the gospel and inviting the people to meetings.

This involved considerable expense, because they had to buy their own stamps, envelopes, tracts, and paper and in time they ran up a bill of more than \$500. That is quite a bill for missionaries to be running up, but at the same time they were receiving in small amounts, from various people, both Mormons and non-Mormons, one dollar, two dollars, or five dollars to the total of more than \$1,000.

In addition to that, the store continued to prosper so much after completing payment of the debt that it was able to pay its

WOULD PROHIBIT LIQUOR ADVERTISING

A movement is growing that seeks to prohibit liquor advertising. If we must have legalized liquor, at least let's limit the ballyhoo for new drinkers as much as possible. That's the feeling. The Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago points out that while the liquor business amounts to about 2 per cent of the nation's business, still they use 13 per cent of all the nation's advertising. The results are appalling.

Here is the per capita drink bill for the United States mounting year by year from 1934 to 1946, as follows: \$15.80; \$20.10; \$24.70; \$24.90; \$26.20; \$27.20; \$31.50; \$38.80; \$45.80; \$54.00; \$55.93, and \$62.14.

Since advertising by other concerns brought similar results, it seems reasonable to suppose that put up by the liquor interests is the huge advertising campaign a contributing factor in the nation's mounting drink bill. The temptations are great enough without the use of billboards and printers' pages.

REGIONAL WELFARE TO MEET AT STOCKTON

A Regional Welfare Meeting will be held in Stockton, on the 19th of April, for all of the Stakes in Northern California area. It will be under the direction of Brother Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve. All Welfare representatives should be present.

Toward the last of the month another meeting will be held for the employment placement counselors under the direction of Bro. Donald E. Davis of the general committee, at which time the welfare counselors of the wards and priesthood groups will be invited to attend.

Success: Biting off more than you can chew, and then chewing it.

first dividend in about twenty years, and Walter, being the largest stockholder, received a check for about \$300.

Well, Walter and his wife went home from their mission here in California, and were soon called on another mission at home. A genealogical mission to help all those who are interested in finding their ancestors.

I suppose that by now many of you have guessed that Walter and his wife are my parents. It is certainly an inspiration and a testimony to me to have such parents and I wish to bear that testimony to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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• Alice Farnsworth and sister, formerly of Oakland stake, are now on Guam in civilian jobs. Before they went they visited Patriarch Harry Fletcher for counsel. This was two years ago. He advised them to keep close to the Lord, and they would be well, would prosper, and would find and help some inactive members on Guam. Now they report that the attendance of the LDS group meeting on Guam has increased in the two years from three or four, to thirty or forty, that they hold MIA and SS and have recently had one baptism.

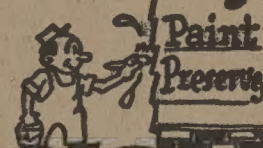
• Thomas S. Ferguson, well known now for his book, "Cumorah—Where?", and the recent expedition into B. of M. land, has been honored with an invitation coming from Elder Ezra T. Benson of the Twelve to meet socially with the Twelve and their wives on an evening following the general conference. The intention is to have Elder Ferguson show some of the film exposed at the site of the recent archeological exploration, and to discuss points of view regarding B. of M. geography as presented in "Cumorah—Where?"

• The general Church building committee members are very much impressed, we learn, with the idea of having an LDS local building concern, like the Bodily Manufacturing Company of San Leandro, take over contracts to build Church chapels as this company is doing in the case of Alameda ward's chapel now starting. Such concerns naturally tend to help utilize our own donated labor as much as possible, to keep down the costs, and to hire LDS craftsmen and sub-contractors, and to keep on the job a spirit suited to the project.

• Bishop Thys Winkle's moving picture house in Rodeo is being conducted by two of our ex-service men, and employs also four LDS usherettes. That's helping ourselves cooperatively, a spirit found in many of our local LDS business concerns. "Work together, play together, and trade together," is good fellowship, and also good economics. This without being clannish; just loyal.

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"Performed with dignity and reverence, the services epitomized the aspirations of the Alameda ward of the church since its beginning here 15 years ago.

"The service, attended by scores of church members, began with an invocation by Oscar Fontano, first councillor of the bishopric. Thys Winkle, present bishop of the ward, gave a short introductory speech, and Leo H. Crandall, first bishop of the ward, gave a review of the activities which have made the new building possible.

"After a short address by Eugene Hilton, president of Oakland stake which includes Alameda ward and six others, and a speech of dedication by George H. Pinckney, the actual breaking of the ground got underway.

"Bishop Winkle turned the first spadeful of earth. He was followed by Leo Crandall, Wendell M. Jensen, second bishop of the ward, Dr. Charles Eliason, Eugene Hilton and Ralph Lane, chairman of the chapel building committee in that order.

"The service was completed with a benediction by Mr. Jensen and the singing of hymns in which members of the congregation joined.

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Napa Ward News

A surprise party was given in honor of Helen B. Murdock by the officers and teachers of the Relief Society, March 26. Sister Murdock, after serving as first counselor of the Relief Society, is being released in order to assume the office of choir director. The party was in the form of an Easter luncheon given at the home of Florence Hall, nineteen attending. A gift of earrings was presented to Sister Murdock in appreciation of her fine work in the Relief Society.

After the regular officers' and teachers' meeting March 14, a surprise birthday party was given for Bishop Reed W. Keller and Donald Tayson. Two luscious birthday cakes were presented the surprised guests of honor and a short program was given. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were enjoyed by all.

The Relief Society had a birthday party at the ward hall March 19. Husbands of the members joined their wives in a beked bean dinner. Sister Ruth Tayson and Sister Phyllis Keller were in charge of the dinner. Sister Catherine Woolley was chairman of the party. After dinner games, which proved very strenuous, highlighted the evening.

A plan is under way which will expedite the collection of contributions to the Napa building fund. This plan has been organized by the finance committee, Allan C. Woolley, chairman, of our ward. The ward teachers will call at the homes of Napa ward members to collect contributions to the building fund and issue a receipt as well as give their regular ward teaching message.—Laura Marie Nightwine.

Oakland Ward

Once again Easter has come and passed. We shall not forget the wonderful choir music and interesting speakers, both reminding us of the great resurrection. To all you elders who helped make your party a success on March 27, we wish to congratulate you and thank you for the enjoyable movies, games, refreshments and dancing.

All were pleasantly surprised to see Ray and Val Shields and their little boy visiting our ward recently. They had come to visit Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shields, their present home being in Salt Lake, where Ray is attending school.

Our sympathies go to the parents, relatives and friends of Emerson Jones, who passed away on March 12, at the home of his parents in San Diego.

Road shows are all we have heard they are! We witnessed this April 2nd at our ward. The seven wards of Oakland stake presented at Elmhurst and Oakland, shows that were enjoyed immensely by all. We are proud of our stake talent.

The Senior Scouts and Scoutmaster M. C. Laird; the Scouts and Scoutmaster Bob Richardson and Scout Chairman Lawrence Sears went to Calaveras Big Trees for a session of skiing, tobogganing and to rough it in the snow. They stayed at the home of Lawrence Sears' parents at Railroad Flat. The boys report a wonderful time.

The Oakland ward Bachelor club reports eight in their membership and that they are planning many enjoyable dinners such as the one they had for the Chansonnott choir recently, and dances also.

We all extend our "hurry, get well" thoughts and "we miss you" to Myrtle Saarr, who has been quite ill.

Our Relief Society is seeking a loom to make rugs 27" x 54" for the welfare. If anyone knows the whereabouts of one, or how to make one, please contact Laverne Pennock, HU 3-6532. Ladies, there is a splendid program and luncheon planned for you! —Bernadine Adams

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Clarke Irvine wrote in the American health news magazine, "Let's Live," that "if mankind could but learn and apply the truths of nutrition and natural living, there would soon be no crying need for thousands more hospital beds, and folks would not be dropping dead in their forties and fifties from heart attacks and other troubles."

In fact, some scientists believe that if man would only eat right within one short generation he could be in perfect health and live a long, happy, disease-free life. Time and again news articles and editorials have been written trying to impress this simple fact—cleanse and nourish properly, then nature heals and normalizes—no matter what the disease.

One of Los Angeles' outstanding surgeons who was compelled to retire on account of arthritis in 1939, confirmed the thought of so many others in what he considers the chief cause of his disability—lack of minerals. Evidence of his belief was substantiated by the recovery he has made by replenishing his system with minerals, so that today he is again in active practice.

Our youth of America must be the bulwark of the future, of a better, finer, healthier world. All our good Latter-day Saints need for guidance is the "Word of Wisdom." God bless you and direct you in the proper way to live so that life can give you the best in the way of health, happiness and prosperity. The "do's" of the Word of Wisdom are perhaps even more primary for health and vigor than the "don'ts." Fruits, vegetables (called herbs in the revelation) and whole wheat for bread and cereals, with a minimum of meats give abundance of minerals as well as vitamins—health in the navel and marrow in the bones" (where the red blood cells are manufactured.)

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Dimond Ward

Congratulations to Florence and Gail Cragun—proud parents of a baby boy born Monday, March 29.

John Spuhler and Winnifred Phelps recently announced their engagement. They plan to be married during the summer. Margaret Jenkinson and Thomas Rose, Jr. were married in a lovely wedding at the Service Men's Home, March 27.

We want to wish Rose Clark a speedy recovery and hope that Sherrill Shurtliff will continue to improve.

Sisters Kest, Torgerson and Pernoff have gone to Utah on extended visits to see their daughters.

Bro. and Sister Weindorf are leaving Saturday, April 10, for New York where they will take a boat for Sweden, returning home in the fall through the Panama canal.

Primary ward conference comes Sunday May 2. The Primary is presenting an operetta, Hansel and Gretel, in Elmhurst ward Saturday night, April 17.

The bishopric is very well pleased with the success of the welfare dinner early in March. A little over \$600. was taken in. It will be used to help pay our share of the farm and the cannery center, and in financing local welfare projects.

Compliments go to the elders on the fine work they have done cultivating and planting the garden behind the chapel.

Dan Fernsten is being released and commended by his mission president for his fine mission in Southern Georgia. We hope to hear a report on his mission Sunday night, April 25.

The ward is now the proud owner of handsome moving picture equipment obtained through the generosity of Brother and Sister Wilson Perkins and Schiller's drug store who sold it to us at cost. Now we can enjoy educational and recreational movies in the ward. —Joyce Hilton.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

This year's emphasis is on the welfare program which is the Lord's plan for our temporal security. We have been asked by our leaders to produce this year a great surplus of food and clothing. The stockpiles which we had accumulated in previous years were depleted last year in giving aid to our European brothers and sisters and to the Navajo Indians.

Now, and in the months to come, each of us is asked to contribute of our time and means in order that we may restock our storehouse, as we have been assigned in order to be ready for future emergencies. Are we our brother's keeper?

It is well also to remember that even though the bishop's storehouse is there for each of us to use, it is wisdom to be provident individually. We are asked to have at least a year's supply of food and clothing in our own homes for our own use. I also urge all who are in a position to do so to plant a garden for vegetables and canning, and to obtain all the fresh fruits and vegetables you can for preserving, along with some wheat. We have a little grinder in our church that you may use to grind your wheat. Remember to can all you can.

Your bishop,
DENNIS L. LAUPER.

Walnut Crk. News

President Kenneth Jensen encourages the presence of members of the Priesthood at the nine o'clock Priesthood meetings on Sunday mornings.

Make a date for the Branch get-together party. Time—second Thursday of each month. Place—Walnut Creek Women's club. Last Month's party was under the able planning and supervision of Mrs. Hector Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Al Offens, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White. Novel recordings, made of everyone's singing, when played back proved most amusing. After the evening's fun, and frolic, refreshments were much enjoyed. Be sure and remember the next party on the second Thursday in April—that is April 14.

On Saturday, March 13, Johnny Openshaw took the Branch teen-agers to Soda Springs for a great day of skiing and tobogganing. Thanks to Brother Openshaw. At our sacrament meeting, Easter Sunday, we were privileged to hear another splendid talk by Thomas S. Ferguson, author of the new book, "Cumorah—Where?"—Branch Reporter, Jay W. Curtis, 544-BSpringbrook Rd., W. C.

Success: A thing affected not so much by where we stand as by the direction in which we are moving.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

Keep April 13 open. That is the night you will learn the Gleaner girl who will represent us as queen at the Gold and Green ball. It is also the date of the ball in our ward. Everyone is invited to attend; an orchestra, floor show and refreshments will make the evening a gala affair, so bring your friends and have a good time.

Cupid and the Easter bunny must be related. Two of our lovely young ladies in the ward are wearing diamonds. Betty Lou Thomas and Bob Pulley are receiving congratulations and Caroline Goodlander came back from her Easter vacation in Los Angeles with a ring from Lloyd Richardson. Caroline and Lloyd are being married in June or July in the St. George temple. Betty Lou and George haven't set the date for their wedding.

We are glad to know that Howard Thomas, who recently underwent an operation, is feeling much better. We all wish him a speedy and complete recovery. We are also glad that Gertrude Wood, one of our most faithful Sunday school and Primary teachers is feeling better. We miss Gertrude when she isn't with us. Fern Everett has been the guest of honor at two baby showers the past month. Fern and Bill will make mighty fine parents and we are anticipating their new arrival soon.

Florence and Gail Cragun are the proud parents of a baby son, born March 29. We are all anxious to make young Byron Glenn's acquaintance.

New officers were elected for the coming season for the Gleaners. Joyce Briscoe, president and her officers are Violet Fontano, Norma Williams, Marjorie Hawkins and Barbara Adams.

Attending conference in Sale Lake from our ward were Grant H. Hawkins and family; Robert T. Paine and Don J. Allphin and their wives. We are looking forward to full reports on all sessions at our future meetings.

The Easter services were lovely, both as Sunday school and sacrament meeting, and a mighty fine statement was made Easter morning.

It was announced that we would like to hold next Easter services in our own chapel. This is far from an impossibility. If every one of us gets behind our new building committee and gives them our loyal support—in actions and in cash. Every family in our ward should plan to put a definite sum aside each month on this fine program. This is a guarantee to our children, the future generation, of a wonderful meeting place, a beautiful chapel for them to worship in, and a recreation hall where they can come together and hold parties and dances and develop their talents. Let's place Maxwell Park on the map. We have the lot; let's build on it. —Marjorie Hawkins

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Idea Exchange

There are some who believe that not all inspiration concerning the kingdom of God on earth is confined to those who have been called to positions of authority in His Church. We know that the Lord has chosen to speak to us through proper authorities concerning basic doctrine and things of highest importance involving the Church as a whole. But inspiration concerning lesser and local things is available to all who try to live the gospel. If the Lord chooses to bestow it upon even the humblest of His servants, that person should be permitted and urged to share it so that others may benefit.

Our government has realized the enormous potentiality of people for creating valuable ideas. The National Research Council serves at a "clearing house" for ideas, many of which have been of considerable consequence to our war effort and to our civilian economy as well.

The Messenger would like to try an experiment in idea sharing. All those who feel that they have constructive suggestions are urged to submit them to the idea exchange. These ideas will be sent to proper authorities for review and a few of the best will be published in this column. We think it may be possible to provide awards of Church books for ideas submitted and adopted.

In order to make clear the nature of the suggestions solicited and to emphasize that we are only trying to be helpful, not to usurp prerogatives of those in authority, a few sample contributions follow:

1. We are urged to put away a year's supply of food and clothing. Most homes have not been designed to comfortably absorb such storage. Many church members are building new homes, into which could be incorporated plans for a special room which would facilitate storage with least likelihood of losses.

Church architects consulting with Welfare authorities concerning the particular problems involved in this kind of storage could prepare a flexible set of plans applicable to houses in each price range for families of various sizes. Shelves, cupboards, bins, frozen food lockers, and provision for ventilation would be included.

2. In a recent Berkeley Stake Conference, Elder Harold B. Lee expressed the desire that congregational singing be planned so as to support the Conference theme. If the new Church Hymnal in preparation were to have an extra index, classifying songs according to gospel themes and special occasions, it would encourage choristers and others to make more careful song selections for any meeting.

3. When testimony meetings are limited to 10 or 20 minutes, as they often are because of the many ordinations, people are denied the privilege of hearing their testimonies. One way of creating additional time would be to occasionally set aside an entire Sunday School class period for testimony bearing within each class. As children grow up they should be encouraged to bear their testimonies. The teachers of these younger groups could discuss how to start and finish a testimony and set the minds of some at ease concerning how certain they should feel of the gospel before attempting to share their testimonies with others.

4. Wards should be encouraged to present subscriptions to the Improvement Era and/or the Church News to persons who are investigating the church. The Era makes a special rate to wards who wish to place copies in local libraries and this special rate might be extended to investigators.

5. There is an abundance of small paper books which are designed to translate Bible stories into the language of a child. Many Mormon families would appreciate a well illustrated set of Book of Mormon stories for reading to their children.

If any of the material published in the Idea Exchange is adopted or modified for use in the wards, such information will be appreciated. We also welcome ideas which have already been tried out with success and which should be shared with other wards. Address all communications to the Idea Exchange, c/o Gordon Beckstead, 5718 Huntington Avenue, Richmond, or call Landscape 5-5016.

Prizes Of \$10 And Magazine Offered

Ten dollars and a subscription to "Etude" magazine is offered as first prize in the Oakland Stake Y. M. M. I. A. contest for an original M. I. A. song. Second and third prizes have already been set up, according to Darrel J. Monson, and the winning entries will be featured in the Stake MIA music festival in the spring. Contest rules have already been distributed and additional information concerning this contest can be requested from MIA music directors: Patsy Craig, 5732 Holway Court, Oakland, KE 3-3165; or Blaine Wilson, 1023 Taylor Avenue, Alameda.

Words and organization of music should be original, stake leaders advise, and the words should be in keeping with MIA and its work.

Music should be of such nature that it lends itself to audience participation and all entries should be arranged for mixed voices and piano accompaniment. Copies should be prepared in duplicate.

Genealogy Meet Set For May

May 16, 1948, in the Berkeley chapel, and with Berkeley stake as hosts, both stakes will meet in a Joint Stake Convention with speakers from Salt Lake City.

In the spirit of Elijah, the prophet, as he came in 1836 conferring keys for redemptive work in behalf of the hosts of our ancestors, this two-stake gathering will reverentially seek a joyously refreshed and renewed realization of the majesty and the glory of Elijah's mission, and ask a strengthening zeal to do more for it.

To this challenging mission of Elijah's, all are called. Going on a foreign mission is vital, of course. Few can do it, generally the young; and then for only a small fraction of one's life span. But this mission of Elijah's is Churchwide in its call, and the call continues for the whole of our years on earth. It is service for those to whom we are so much indebted for our very lives—physical, mental, and spiritual, and much of the material.

So this May 16 Joint Stake Convention is of personal interest to all. If one has the spirit of this mission, they will want to be at the convention. If one has not caught the fire of Elijah's message, he owes it to himself to take himself in hand and bring himself, willy-nilly, but with fasting and prayer, if needs be, to the sessions at Berkeley chapel that third Sunday in May next.

William H. Evans, Oakland stake, and Nathan G. Tolman, Berkeley stake, Genealogical Committee Chairman, cordially invite the whole membership of the two stakes "to a feast of wine on the lees," genealogically speaking. Ward workers will mark the date well, and spread the news, asking bishops to announce the convention sufficiently to impress the Saints.

Adopt German Schools Urged

Current conditions and needs of the people in England and Germany were discussed by guest speaker Miss Verna Mae Feuerhelm of Hayward at an Oakland Stake-sponsored Relief Society meeting March 23, according to Sister Laverne Pennoak, Oakland ward Relief Society president. Oakland ward was host to Relief Society representatives from Oakland stake and Claremont ward of Berkeley stake.

Miss Feuerhelm discussed some of the experiences she had during two and one-half years in China with the UNRRA and during her ten-month trip back to America through India and the holy land.

Describing current conditions in England and Germany, she pointed to the scarcity of food in both countries and to the low morale in Germany. Black markets flourish so successfully, she pointed out, that a whole semester of school can be purchased for two cartons of cigarettes.

To do something to help, she suggested that American schools adopt German schools and send them tools to work with.

Refreshments and a social hour were also featured at the meeting.

Dale E. Roe Makes Three Conventions

Dale E. Roe, Oakland Stake YMMIA board member for Senior Scouts, returned March 29 from a 10-days visit in Southern California where he attended three conventions: The California Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation meeting in San Diego; the National Convention of the American Camping Association in Los Angeles, and a meeting of southern California professional lifeguards at Long Beach. Dale is with the Red Cross.

Smoking on busses and street cars has been banned recently through courageous and prompt enactments by the city councils of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda.

Since such meritorious consideration of the peoples' rights to ride in smoke-free public conveyances merits reciprocal written commendatory responses by the local citizenry in general, it has been urged that The Messenger call our own members' attention to the matter and suggest personal letters to the respective councils. Many have already written. Why not join them now?

HAVE YOU HEARD

• The Church News is soon to surprise us all. It will be quite a different paper, and a lot larger. Be looking for the new "Church News." The issue of March 27 had a full page picture of Pres. W. Glenn Harmon, Thos. S. Ferguson, Wells Jakeman and party in the jungles of Compeche, and also seven other large pictures of the party and a fine story of the trip written by Harold Eldredge, a LDS student in Journalism at Cal.

• Always leave a piece of cloth under the needle of your sewing machine. It will do two things for you: catch any possible drip of oil that otherwise might soil your next sewing, and prevent the thread becoming tangled in the bobbin and jamming the machine. The hint was passed on to us by Charles E. Mills of Oakland ward who conducts the Telegraph Avenue Sewing Machine Shop at 4231 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. He ought to know; been at it for about twenty years, selling and repairing all makes, and taking care of Sears service calls besides. Genial as all out, too, is "Charlie."

273 Quorum of 70

The 273rd Quorum of Seventy held their annual dinner on March 5 at Berkeley ward. Fifty-eight were present. Special guests were Bishop Denzel C. Allen and wife of Berkeley ward; Bishop A. Selden Millward and wife of Claremont ward and high council representative for the 70's, Paul Summerhays and wife.

There were a number of short, informal dinner talks; the program feature was vocal solos by Vera Meredith. Dancing followed the dinner. Leroi B. Gardner was the chairman of the committee in charge of the evening and Ferlyle B. McComber was master of ceremonies.

Berkeley Stake Relief Soc. News

Unique, a building for women, built by contributions from women, a memorial building in Salt Lake City, honoring the Society's founder, Joseph Smith.

The wards have responded magnificently and eight of Berkeley's eleven Relief Societies have given their contributions in full. The other three wards hope to be able to finish their allotments by the middle of April—our next report date. Quotas ranged from \$70 to \$605.

Fairfield Branch was the first to pay in full. The stake board is proud of them and of the other wards who followed quickly. May the Lord bless their efforts.

MayBelle H. Anderson, Secy.

E. Richmond Ward

NOTICE—To all ward members. Save your newspapers and magazines for the Boy Scouts, who are working to earn their vacation this summer at the Wolf Boro Camp. Time of collection will be given later. Thursday, April 2, the Scouts showed moving pictures of the camp and all its activities to acquaint the people with the aims and purposes of the camp.

The East Richmond Green and Gold Ball was a very lovely affair, and was enjoyed by a large attendance. Our queen—Olive Anson, was attended by Lois Isaac. The flower girl was the pretty little daughter of Bro. and Sister Quentin Taylor, and the crown bearer was the young son of Bro. and Sister Antone Clark. Bishop Knowlton crowned the queen after a very clever floor show, put on by Sister Clair Ingie. Refreshments were served.

The visitors to the conference in Salt Lake from the ward are: First Counselor in Bishopric, Charles Fennell, Wallace and Mildred Anderson, Vera Nielson and Candus McDaniels.

The Relief Society's Anniversary Party was held March 12, the honored guests being the past presidents, five of whom were present, Sister Edlelsen, Ethel Dietliker, Jessie Bradeson, Grace Hopkins and Mable Myler. Each was presented with a beautiful corsage. Two past presidents, Florence Wright and Virgie Stanser, were unable to attend. The birthday cake was cut and served by Sister Edlelsen, after which old time dances were enjoyed.

The Sunday School presented a very fine program Easter Sunday, participated in by members from the different classes. The large crowd in attendance could hardly be accommodated in the building. Let's get busy and erect a Chapel of our own.

Hear Ye—STAKE BUILDING COMMITTEE.—Ethel B. Dietliker.

Richmond Ward

Richmond ward is happy to welcome Wallace and Adele Trotter. Adele has already favored the ward with her talents as a singer and choister. The Trotters are from Salt Lake City and have opened a "Spud-nut" shop directly around from the Richmond post office. Success to them. The slogan is, "Don't say dough-nut, say 'Spud-nut'."

Del Carmen of the bishopric and his family will represent the ward at General Conference. . . . Russell Johnson, our faithful assistant ward clerk is around again after a period in the hospital. Welcome Russell.

A very exciting Easter egg hunt was held March 25 for the boys and girls of the Primary.

The Richmond ward Gold and Green ball was held April 2. . . . Brothers Banks and Johnson of the high council visited Richmond during the month and delivered very timely and interesting sermons.

Brother Howard Pierce has, perhaps, the most difficult assignment in the ward. He is our finance director. Howard attends the Armstrong college in San Francisco, and also works part time. He will take the state examinations when his schooling is completed and qualify as a Certified Public Accountant. Despite his other duties, however, Howard has worked hard and faithfully as our ward finance director. He could use a lot more cooperation from ward members. Every Friday night is committee meeting night, at which time the bishopric and ward teacher advisors are expected to attend.

The Pierces moved into our ward from East Richmond. They have a 3-month old boy, Larry. Sister Pierce has a lovely voice which we are pleased to hear frequently. It will be a pleasure for you to get acquainted with Brother Pierce, and a good way to do that is to pay your share of the ward budget and stake building fund. —Betty Bourne.

• Estrella McBride, matron at the Oakland stake welfare center, is handling LDS garments on behalf of the Relief Society for both men and women. She reports a fair supply on hand and more coming. Orders sent by mail if desired. 9838 Gould street, Oakland 3; SWEETWOOD 8-6643.

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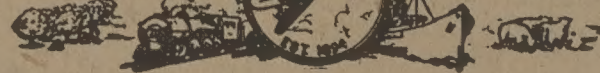
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Welfare Contest Winners Named

On Monday evening, March 8, the special stake welfare committee considered the entries for the welfare contest that had been sponsored throughout the stake during the month of February and selected the winners.

Mrs. Heber M. Ellsworth of Claremont ward won the first prize, a case of 24 cans of fancy pack bartlett pears.

The second prize, a case of 24 cans of choice apricots, went to Gordon L. Beckstead of East Richmond ward; third prize, one case of 48 cans of tomato sauce to Mrs. Elaine Wightman of the Richmond ward.

Honorable mention, together with one-half case of tomato sauce, went to Mrs. Gertrude Brantley of Vallejo ward and Mrs. Alice Hanson of Martinez ward. The prize winners follow:

A few of the good ideas from the prize winners follow:

1. Plan in advance what your needs will be so that your money will be spent for the most needed things.

2. Carry a note with you at all times showing the sizes of clothes, windows, etc., so that you can take advantage of bargains.

3. Know how much material is needed for children's clothes, aprons, and blouses so that you can buy remnants.

4. Make use of cheap but effective substitutes such as salt or soda for tooth powder; equal parts of vinegar, turpentine and linseed oil for furniture polish; equal parts of kerosene and vinegar for small painted surfaces.

5. Make use of group buying at wholesale markets for such things as eggs, chickens, cheese, fish, fruit and vegetables.

6. Prepare a table which shows the average seasonal price fluctuations as a guide when to buy food, clothing, etc. Knowing when to buy tomatoes for canning, for instance, may save half in the costs.

7. Exchange services in the neighborhood, such as hair cutting, shoe repairing, baby sitting, etc.

Mrs. Hanson's idea was for making a child's dress and it will be passed on to the sewing department of the Relief Society.

ERA DRIVE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Word was received last week by Clifton D. Boyack, Stake Superintendent of MIA, that the Berkeley Stake had reached and exceeded its quota in the 1947-48 Era Drive. The many ward workers are to be congratulated on the fine job they have done and by the time the drive closes April 14, there will probably be many more subscriptions added to this fine record. Claremont ward leads the wards of the stake with over 300 per cent of its quota and still more being added to the list. Hyrum J. Babcock and Esther Russell are the Berkeley Stake Era directors and are to be congratulated on the fine job they have done.

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With all the confused discussion and propaganda on the subject of alcoholism, the question of so-called "moderation" in the use of alcoholic beverages has deceptive statements that are developed many inaccurate and coming the stock-in-trade defense and alibi of both the liquor traffic and its victims.

We believe the most persistent dissection we have ever seen of the term "moderation" as it is so carelessly and widely used today is a discussion of the subject by Richard L. Evans, commentator and the original of "The Spoken Word" on the unique weekly musical program broadcast from the Mormon Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. His recent three-minute radio sermonette on the subject "moderation" was an excerpt from the slightly longer discussion of the subject which appeared in "The Pictorial Review" for May 11, 1947, under the title "The Problem of When to Stop."

In the setting given it by this magazine, Richard Evans' discussion is vividly illustrated by a Burris Jenkins, Jr., drawing showing a man tampering with a buzz-saw labeled "Bad Habits," underneath which is the legend—"That Problem—When to Stop—Will Never Have to be Faced If We Do Not Dabble in What We Should Not Dabble in."

The text of the R. L. Evans article, in part, follows:

As to the problem of when to stop: If you don't start, there isn't any problem.

And if you do start and then stop there isn't any problem.

But if you start and keep going, the problem will always remain with you.

There are many things which are dangerous even "in moderation."

Indeed, there are some things in life which even to touch is an excess.

For example, what about stealing in moderation?

What about immortality in moderation?

What about cruelty in moderation?

What about dishonor in mod-

Missionary Writes From England

A letter from Elder George W. Bruerton of Napa, now district president in Manchester, England, says that he has been privileged to speak before several denominational audiences in Manchester and comments: "At such times I almost invariably present the LDS belief in deity, and find that the people here do not know God. And when you say that you have the whole reason why England today is not a church-going country any more."

"The people do not and cannot comprehend the sectarian conception that He is a spirit; that He has no shape, no form; that He occupies all space, etc. One man told me that 'immutable law is God.'"

"No, the human mind is not able to think in abstractions; it must fasten those abstract ideas to a personality. The various churches fail utterly to provide such a person as we know and worship as our Eternal Father."

"I wonder now if you really appreciate the wonderful blessing that is yours, as compared to the people of England and elsewhere, in the understanding we have, or should have, of our relationship to our Eternal Father; that He lives and is a being like unto man in form but perfect in every way; that we are His offspring in very truth and may, if we desire and live accordingly, achieve the exaltation that is His. This is the message we present here. And in addition that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet in very deed."

"It is wonderful to have the chance to give this message to people in street meetings. Maybe 40 to 100 people standing in a group, the speaker on a raised stand that gives him a chance to see his crowd, all this right in the heart of this big city, with all the hustle and bustle about you, and them stop and listen attentively."

eration?

What about murder in moderation?

What about blasphemy in moderation?

What about any vicious or undesirable act or practice or habit—even "in moderation?"

You see, we could let words mislead us if we would.

Elmhurst Ward

The response of Elmhurst ward for the new stake cannery has been wonderful, and shows the wide interest felt. The bishopric wish to thank everyone. We hope to make our quota of \$900. Those who have made pledges, or any one who has not been contacted for one reason or another please help us to make the goal. Mail it, or if more convenient, contact the bishop. This may mean some sacrifice, but let us remember the sacrifices of the Pioneers who preserved the Gospel for us. March 12 an enjoyable chili supper was served to 165 people by the Relief Society and afterward all enjoyed the moving picture, "My Railroad," arranged for by Horace MacFarlane.

A well attended testimonial and farewell party was given March 26 for Gwendolyn Muir who will leave shortly for the Western States Mission. We are proud to have Gwendolyn as the ward's first "Gold Star Gleaner."

The Girls Committee has been reorganized. Dorothy Jacobs is chairman, with Marie Thomas and Violet Smith as counselors, and Dean Lee secretary. Advisors are Rama Brush, Luchi Shaw, Elva Jacobson, Jessie Stock, and Florence Carlson. In the Sunday school Walter Basinger and Malcolm MacLeod have been sustained as counselors.

Primary ward conference will be held May 2. The stake Primary are sponsoring an operetta, "Hansel and Gretel," May 17 at Elmhurst. Between acts some of our children will put on a puppet show. Remember the date.

Gladly we welcome these new ward members to Elmhurst: Lloyd and Irma Wimmer and daughter; Malcolm and Marguerite MacLeod and son; and Richard and Natalie Hill and family.

Brother LeRoy Cheney, for many years a ward member recently passed away at Sacramento after a long illness. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

Martinez Ward

Brothers Kenneth Skidmore and Ivan Haslem plan to attend the Salt Lake General Conference, as representatives of the Martinez ward, taking their families with them.

Recent visitors, Dr. and Mrs. Don C. Markham and their three daughters, from Long Beach, spent their Easter vacation at the home of his brother, Ira Markham, of Concord; Dan Drummer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Drummer, from Utah; and Gertha McKinney Brown's mother and father.

Congratulations to Brother Ruel Brown on his recent baptism, March 6, and his marriage to Sister Gertha McKinney, on Friday, March 26, in San Francisco. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Nalder of San Francisco ward, in which Mrs. Brown first became a member. We wish them many years of peace and happiness. Recognition is given three members of our ward, chosen as officers of the P.T.A.: Beatrice Markham, re-elected president; Iris Creer, elected first vice-president of the Concord P.T.A.; and Teresa Anderson, elected president of the Martinez Jr. high school P.T.A.

SCOUT NEWS
Gale Roskelley has replaced Les Korth as Scout Master, and Dan Drummer is the new Assistant Scout Master. We wish them great success in all their endeavors. Scout Troop 188 and their parents enjoyed their first annual banquet, March 27. Sixty were in attendance. Following the dinner a Court of Honor was held. Ed Gamba received a star award and six merit badges; Robert Vom Dorp and Stanley Dahlin, Jr., first class award. Second class awards went to Kenny Dahlin, Jackie Tusing and David Wyzal.—Fern Mosier, 407 H St., Martinez.

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Fairfield Branch

Fairfield Branch has been blessed by the presence of six missionaries this past month. Elder Douglas R. Stringfellow and his wife, Sister Lee Stringfellow, have been here for the longest period of time. Next to them are two lady missionaries, Sisters Faye Larson and Etta Rasmussen and finally, two young men, Elders Byron Cottam and Dennis Bradshaw. This splendid group of young people completed their project of a city directory for Ashland, Oregon, and left us Friday afternoon.

Brother and Sister A. B. Snowball of Vallejo visited Fairfield Branch last weekend. They were overnight guests of Brother and Sister Vic Garrido.

Sister Bertha Oliver of Vacaville sustained a fractured bone in her left leg a few weeks ago, but is improving sufficiently to move about on crutches.

Members of the Relief Society honored Sister Bertha Oliver of Vacaville surprise party on her 76th birthday anniversary. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Saints in this branch are certainly enthusiastic when it comes to social affairs and we have been enjoying some splendid get-togethers of late, the latest being a chile supper for the missionaries Thursday evening, April 8.

The Sunday school Easter program attracted the largest group of Saints that have ever attended our meetings, and the sacrament services the same evening were also well attended. Truly, we have been enjoying some spiritual feasts of late.

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Lamba Deltas Meet At Fresno

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campuses as at Los Angeles. Both men's and women's dormitories were considered desirable, at least on the larger campuses. Many religious groups have established dormitories to supply the needs of students in their faiths, and the venture has proved both a religious and an economic asset. They realize that nowhere is it less easy to keep religious contact than away at college. Figures were given to indicate that the L.D.S. population on at least four California campuses is large enough to make such dormitories feasible, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, Stanford and USC.

Inspirational keynote of the convention was a series of talks by Dr. Sterling M. McMurrin, professor of philosophy at the University of Southern California, and former seminary teacher and University of Arizona institute director. Dr. McMurrin divided his topic, "The Spiritual Crisis of Our Age," into three parts: "The Problem of Religion in General," "Our Church and the Problems of Society Today," and "The Individual and Religious Problems."

Not a minor part of the conference was the social and dance following the Saturday banquet. Probably, at no time has a group of young Church people met in the state from such far-flung spots and enjoyed itself so much. Discussions continued for the entire journey home. Another factor, which made the bus journey home memorable, was the violin music played by Shirley Kirk of Hayward, the repertoire running from group singing to classical music.

This California Lambda Delta Sigma Conference was a great spiritual experience to all who attended. It is proposed that it be continued each year, with the conference next year at Yosemite, perhaps.

"The Daily Californian" at the U. C., ran this news on March 26, 1948:

"Lois Elain Isaac, senior nutrition student graduating in June, has been awarded the \$300 Borden scholarship in home economics in the college of agriculture."

Miss Isaac, who was chosen from 32 eligible seniors, entered the University in October, 1944, after graduating from Jordan high school, Sandy, Utah, the previous May. She is a member of Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary society.

Lois, at present, lives in the East Richmond ward. She was a charter member of Lambda Delta Sigma at the Berkeley institute.

Pledging ceremonies brought a number of new faces into the Lambda Delta Sigma on March 21.

Director Boyd released the following date: Total LDS students on the U. C. campus is about 254, of which 33 per cent are married and 15 to 20 per cent graduate students, mostly from Utah. Nearly one half of the 254, however, are from California. Enrolled now at the Berkeley institute in some class or classes are 130 U. C. students.

News From 'The Church News'

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president of the American Institute of Farm Cooperatives...Alexander Schreiner, Tabernacle organist, is shown at the console as he returns from another of his national tours as organ concert artist.

A series of character and unusual occupational sketches is featured weekly. For example, the pictures and stories of the men who care for the tabernacle organ, the Temple Square grounds, the title abstract work for all church real estate property. Gordon Hinkley is the author.

To Begin Berkeley Welfare Building

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ately to list available labor for the building and type of labor available, so that all will be ready when work begins. All those who can and are willing to help please get in touch with the proper authorities in the wards.

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THYS WINKEL, fourth bishop of the Alameda Ward, turns the first spadeful of earth at the groundbreaking for the Ward's new \$120,000 chapel, March 25, 1948. Shown, left to right, are: Howard Dunn, George Pinckney, William F. Everett, Pres. Eugene Hilton, Bishop Thys Winkel, Leo H. Crandall (first bishop), Oscar Fontano, Wendell Jensen, (second bishop), Ralph Lane, chairman of the building committee, and Carolyn Gustavson representing the score of others present, but not shown. The site is at the corner of Grand Street and Encinal Avenue.—Picture courtesy of the Alameda (Calif.) Times



Liahona Club News

On the usual fourth Monday of the month, this time March 22, the Liahona club composed of east bay LDS businessmen, met at the Coit hotel in Oakland. In the absence of President Herb Van Noy who was not well the chair was ably filled by Elmo Smith, one of the vice presidents.

The speaker of the evening, Leslie J. Freeman, was introduced by Vice president Curtis Bybee. Freeman is a candidate for the office of congressman from the sixth district, and is also past president of the Oakland association of pharmacists, himself being a local pharmacist of 26 years and owner of two drug stores. He touched on the subjects of taxation, communism, strikes and the open shop, the free enterprise system, capital and labor. He mentioned several planks in his platform, including reciprocal trade agreements, limitation of 160 acres in the Shasta lands not approved, UMT, reduction of federal expenditures, trimming of many federal agencies.

Chairman Elmo Smith announced the membership committee for the current year. The practicability of looking towards a local FM radio station under control of the local colony was again discussed. The committee was given some half dozen items to check and report on at next meeting. Vinal Mauss is chairman of the committee. Suggestion for a ladies' night as part of some future regular club meeting was approved.

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New Bishopric Pittsburg Ward

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They have one child, Diane, age two years.

Keith Epling, second counselor, was born in Alunite, Utah, in 1921. He served in the European theatre of World War II. He has also served in the Church as Sunday school superintendency counselor, Aaronic priesthood committee chairman, and counselor in the YMMIA. His wife is a convert to the church from Oregon. Brother Epling is at present an accountant for the Fibre Board company of antioch.

Edwin B. Maughan, ward clerk, was born at Landing, Idaho in 1917. He has resided also in Corinne, Utah, Cardston, Canada, and Davis county, Utah, where he attended high school, afterwards going to the Utah Agricultural college at Logan. He served two years in the New England Mission before coming to Pittsburg in 1942. He has been a sheet metal worker in Pittsburg, and at present is in the fire insurance business there, associated with Harry Oakes. He married Berma Everett of Lovell, Wyoming. They have three children.

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Mr. Woods is assistant director of camp service for the Pacific area of the American Red Cross and has served on many national disasters. Refreshments will include chili and crackers—Dale E. Roe, Oakland stake reporter, AN 18209.

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